

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary

and secondary students, including creative problem-solving and critical

thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS: Art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive

qualities; and

WHEREAS: Art education gives understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS: Teaching art reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other

subjects; and

WHEREAS: These benefits of art education form the basis of World Class Standards

developed by the U.S. Department of Education and the National

Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS: Our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art

experiences in all students' education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby

proclaim March 2017, as

YOUTH ART MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to support art teachers as they attempt to promote art education in their schools and communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State